

1. (Amended) A water-decomposable absorbent article comprising a water-decomposable back layer, a water-decomposable and liquid-pervious spun-laced surface layer having a plurality of perforations on an entire area thereof, and a water-decomposable absorbent layer sandwiched between the back layer and the surface layer, wherein;

A2 the absorbent layer is formed of at least one sheet of composite sheet of a water-soluble or water-swellaible polymer layer and a water-decomposable fibrous layer, of which an uppermost layer adjacent to the spun-laced surface layer is the water-decomposable fibrous layer.

8. (Amended) A water-decomposable absorbent article comprising a water-decomposable back layer, a water-decomposable and liquid-pervious spun-laced surface layer having a plurality of perforations on an entire area thereof, and a water-decomposable absorbent layer sandwiched between the back layer and the surface layer, wherein;

A2 the absorbent layer includes two water-decomposable fibrous layers and a water-soluble or water-swellaible polymer layer sandwiched between the two water-decomposable fibrous layers.